

Peninsula Belgian-American Club

Purpose: To keep Belgian heritage alive

History: Founded in 1963 at Namur, Door County, Wisconsin. Since 1974, biennial exchange visits have been made with "sister" club, the Wallonie-Wisconsin Society of Namur, Belgium. In 1994 PBAC erected a State Historical Marker commemorating the designation of a 3,500 acre area in southern Door County as a National Historic Landmark, and as the Namur Belgian-American Rural Historic District.

July 27, 1995 Twenty Years to Remember

It's like a dream, and it's hard to believe twenty years passed since our Belgian cousins first came to visit us here in Wisconsin. So many of us found our long-lost cousins and we made new friends.

We know the Belgians enjoyed their trips here just as we surely have enjoyed our trips to Belgium. We hope that our friendships and our visits will continue.

Introduction at 20th anniversary dinner at The Rendezvous by Harry Chaudoir, President of the Belgian American Club

June 27, 1975 Two hundred seventy-six visitors arrived in the Brown/Kewaunee/Door area for a two-week American tour.

Second visit July 2-11, 1977

Third visit August 3 & 7 – August 16, 1976

Fourth visit – July 3-15, 1981

Fifth visit – July 1 – 13 1983

Sixth visit – July 3/5 – 17, 1985

06 July 1985 The Dedication of Monument at "AUX PREMIERS BELGES" AT CHAMPION/ROBINSONVILLE

Seventh visit – July 2 – 19, 1987

Eighth visit – July 1 – 19, 1989

Ninth visit – July 5 – 25, 1991

Tenth visit – July 3 – 28, 1993

DEDICATION OF HISTORICAL MARKER, JULY 9, 1994

Belgian Settlement in Wisconsin erected 1993

Eleventh visit – July 2 – 26, 1995

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Twelfth visit – July 8-1997

Thirteenth visit – June 15 – July 15, 1999